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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2. Submission required under CFR 1.114. Previously submitted ☑ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on August 5, 2004 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _ iii. 🔲 Other 🕒 ☐ Enclosed 11/01/2004 TBESHAH1 00000001 09664858 ☐ Amendment/Reply ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Other Miscellaneous 2. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of __ suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(I) required) Other 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. ☑ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.50-0320. A check in the amount of \$1,220.00 is enclosed for the following: \$790.00 for RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$430.00 for Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17): This is a petition to request a two- month extension of time. Other Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Name (Print/Type) Registration No. 25,506 Samuel S. Lee, Reg. No. 42,791 for William S. Frommer Date 10/27/04

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